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SUBJECT: GHANA DEBT: MEETING WITH GHANAIS

REF: A) LONDON 08119 (NOTAL); B) STATE 135936

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT, AS US INFORMED
IN LONDON, (REFTEL A) HMG HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO EM-
BASSIES IN CREDITOR CAPITALS FOR APPROACH TO HOST GOVERN-
MENTS ON GHANA DEBT MEETING. INSTRUCTIONS STATE THAT US
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HAS POINTED OUT THAT OTHER CREDITORS INITIALLY WERE IN-

VITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES WHEN CONTINGENCY OF LEQUESNE MISSION FIRST DISCUSSED, AND THAT US WANTS SEND SMITH. LEQUESNE HAS NO OBJECTION TO US DESIRE, AND HMG ASSUMES OTHER CREDITORS WILL NOT OBJECT AS THEY ENDORSED THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN WHEN FIRST PROPOSED. HMG WISHES GIVE OTHER CREDITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES AND WILL NOTIFY THE GOG OF MEETING PLANS UPON RECEIVING RESPONSES OF OTHER CREDITORS TO THIS INVITATION TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. SHOULD OTHER CREDITORS OBJECT TO PROPOSED MISSION BY LEQUESNE, SMITH, CHAUFournIER, AND OTHER CREDITOR REPRESENTATIVES, THEN LEQUESNE WILL HAVE TO POSTPONE MISSION.

2. IN MESSAGE FOR SMITH PASSED BY BRITISH EMBASSY, LEQUESNE

SAYS HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS SMITH'S DESIRE TO BE PRESENT

AT TALKS AND THAT HE THEREFORE IS INVITING OTHER CREDITORS TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES. SMITH WILL OF COURSE UNDERSTAND, LEQUESNE SAYS, THAT IF THE OTHER CREDITORS OBJECT TO THIS PROCEDURE, HE LEQUESNE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH VISIT, AT ANY RATE FOR PRESENT TIME.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE FOR SMITH, BRITISH EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED US WELCOMES NEWS BRITISH ARE INVITING OTHER CREDITORS; THAT US HOPES BRITISH WILL TRY OVERCOME OBJECTIONS OF ANY CREDITORS RELUCTANT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES OR TO APPROVE PROPOSAL; AND THAT US HOPES HMG WILL NOT PERMIT MISSION TO BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS OF ONE OR TWO CREDITORS.

4. FOR LONDON: MESSAGE RECEIVED BY BRITISH EMBASSY INDICATES LEQUESNE HOPES MISSION CAN BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN ACCRA AS EARLY AS JULY 21, WHICH CONFLICTS WITH DATES BAKER SUGGESTED FOR TALKS WITH SMITH. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED TIMING OF TALKS WITH SMITH SHOULD BE AT CONVENIENCE OF LEQUESNE, AND THESE CAN BE HELD IN ACCRA, IF THAT APPEARS MOST PRACTICAL TIMING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ALL ADDRESSES WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY
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DONE SO ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT TO RELIEVE GHANAIAAN DISAPPOINTMENT STEMMING FROM CREDITORS INABILITY HOLD NEGOTIATING SESSION, AND OTHER REASONS OUTLINED IN SMITH-LEQUESNE LETTER (REFTEL B) AND OTHER PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED, US HOPES HOST GOVERNMENTS EITHER WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOMPANY LEQUESNE OR WILL AUTHORIZE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCRA TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK. ADDRESSES REQUESTED

EMPHASIZE THAT ACCRA TALKS WILL BE FOR CLARIFICATION ONLY,
WITHOUT ANY INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE A RESCHEDULING AGREE-
MENT AT PROPOSED SESSION.

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